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Federal Forum - Candidates Forum US Congressman
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✓ **Date:** 10/20/2008

Time: 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM

Location: Bay Oaks Country Club

✓ **Sponsored by—** Lockheed Martin, MEI Technologies, Oceaneering and United Space
Alliance(USA) Reception: 5:30-8:00pm Forum: 6:00-7:00pm ✓

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TX22 debate won't include Libertarian candidate

By AUDREY M. MARKS ✓

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Updated: 10.09.08

After not being invited to the Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership's congressional candidate debate, Libertarian candidate John Wieder doesn't plan on letting the slight go quietly.

"I'm the kind of person that stands up to this kind of stuff," Wieder said in an interview with The Sun. "I should be included in the debate, I don't see why not."

Wieder is running against incumbent U.S. Rep. Nick Lampson, D-Stafford and Republican candidate Pats Olson, a former Navy pilot and chief of staff to Sen. John Cornyn to represent Texas' 22nd Congressional District in the House of Representatives.

The partnership's President Bob Mitchell said the group intentionally left Wieder out of the debate between Olson and Lampson.

"We felt it was very important to ask the two candidates that appear to be by all standards the leading candidates for their positions in this tight race," Mitchell said. "It's important the candidates address the issues themselves so constituents have a good understanding."

Wieder said he contacted the organization and asked to be included in the debates and the response has not been favorable.

Mitchell told The Sun the partnership has no plans to invite Wieder.

"Mr. Wieder's not happy about that and I'm sorry," Mitchell said. "But one of these two individuals [Lampson or Olson] will win the race and it is important constituents of CD22 hear them speak very clearly."

But Wieder said he plans to file a complaint with the Federal Election Commission taking issue with the debate being underwritten by Lockheed Martin, MEI Technologies, and the Oceanering and United Space Alliance.

Wieder said the sponsorships for the event are like donating money to the two candidates and by "not inviting all the different people on November's ballot they are creating in-kind donations to the Democrat and Republican."

But Mitchell said he isn't concerned with Wieder's claims.

"We're legally within our rights," Mitchell said. "We've contacted legal counsel and from a legal standpoint there are no issues."

Fort Bend County residents will not be able to attend a local event to hear the candidates debate. In September, the Rosenberg-Richmond Area Chamber of Commerce tried to coordinate an event with Olson and Lampson, but Lampson's campaign said they planned to commit to one debate prior to the Nov. 4 election. Wieder said he was not invited to the debate.

The Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership will host the Olson-Lampson debate at Bay Oaks Country Club, 14545 Bay Oaks Boulevard in Houston.

A reception will begin at 5:30 p.m., with the debate starting at 6 p.m.

This candidates forum is open to the public, though space limitations will allow for only 300 guests.

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